

REMARKS

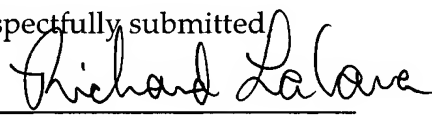
By this Amendment, the specification and abstract have been amended to be in proper form. A substitute specification and a marked-up version showing the changes made are attached. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-9 have been amended to place them in better form for examination to remove unnecessary limitations, and to remove multiple dependent claims. New claims 10-12 have also been added. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are pending examination. The amendments to the claims have not been made to define over the prior art.

Favorable consideration of the amendments to the specification, abstract and claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Notification of which is respectfully requested.

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